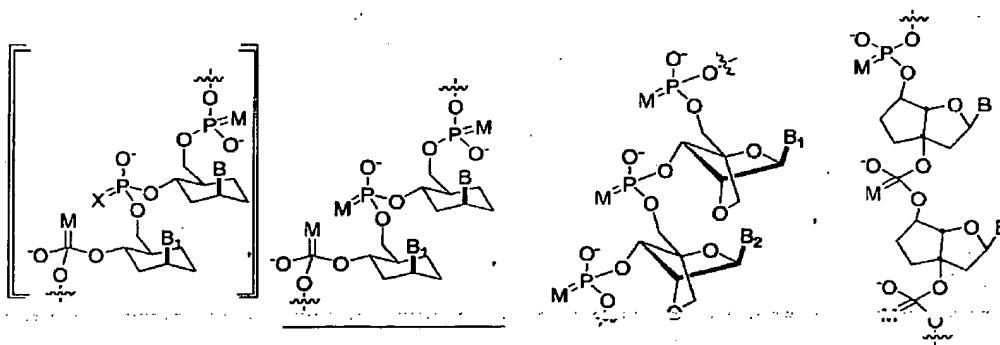


Amendments to the Specification:

Chemical structures of two dinuclear metal complexes, (1) and (2), are shown. Both complexes feature two metal centers (M) bridged by a bisphosphonate ligand (B₂) and a bisphosphonate ligand (B₁). The metal centers are coordinated by the bisphosphonate ligands and the bisphosphonate ligand. The bisphosphonate ligand (B₂) is coordinated to the metal centers via its two phosphorus atoms (P₁ and P₂), which are also coordinated to the metal centers. The bisphosphonate ligand (B₁) is coordinated to the metal centers via its two phosphorus atoms (P₁ and P₂), which are also coordinated to the metal centers. The bisphosphonate ligand (B₂) is coordinated to the metal centers via its two phosphorus atoms (P₁ and P₂), which are also coordinated to the metal centers. The bisphosphonate ligand (B₁) is coordinated to the metal centers via its two phosphorus atoms (P₁ and P₂), which are also coordinated to the metal centers.

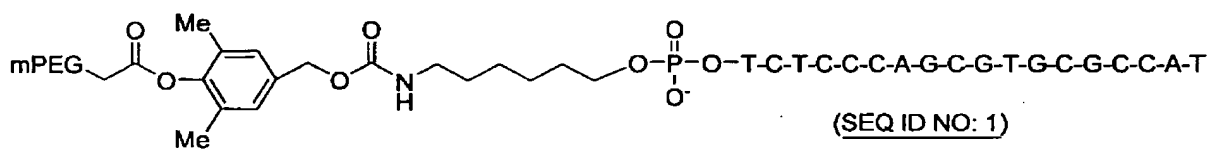
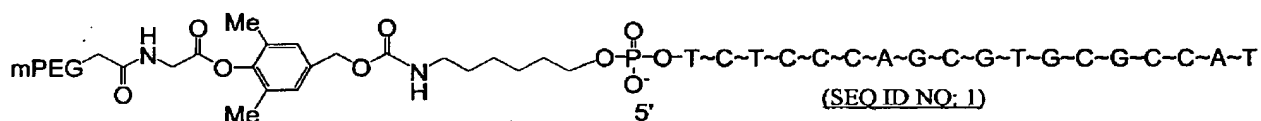
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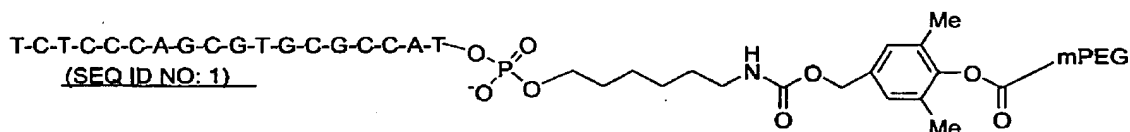


Please amend the paragraph on page 42, starting at line 11, et seq. as follows.

More preferred compounds of the invention include:



Please amend the paragraph on page 43, from lines 1-5 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph.



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